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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 19 ON LINK BETWEEN PHASES

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1. SPC ON SEPTEMBER 19 CONSIDERED US PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION OF NAC GUIDANCE TO AHG ON LINK BETWEEN PHASES (REFTEL). UK AND CANADA ACCEPTED ALL US SUGGESTED CHANGES. FRG ACCEPTED ONLY THE SECOND PART OF US SUGGESTED CHANGE, I.E. GIVING THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT OF FIVE YEAR DURATION.

2. FRG AND BELGIUM OPPOSED US SUGGESTED CHANGES ON THE FIXED PERIOD OF TIME (PARA 2, REFTEL). FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE ORIGINAL NAC GUIDANCE ON FIXED PERIOD IN PARA II OF C-M(74)30 (REVISED) WAS VERY CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED, AND FRG DOES NOT WANT TO TAMPER WITH IT. FRG BELIEVES THE US PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD ALTER THE ILLUSTRATIVE NATURE OF THE REFERENCE TO 18 MONTHS IN THAT
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GUIDANCE. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) SAID THE INITIAL REACTION OF HIS AUTHORITIES TO THE US PROPOSAL WAS NEGATIVE. US REP SAID HE BELIEVED THE PROPOSED US CHANGE WOULD GIVE THE ASSURANCES ON FIXED PERIOD OF TIME MORE STRENGTH WITHOUT

CHANGING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESENT NAC GUIDANCE. THE FIRST SUGGESTED US CHANGE ON THE FIXED PERIOD, I.E. TO SAY THAT IT WOULD NOT BEGIN LATER THAN IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PHASE WITHDRAWALS, WOULD NOT SEEM CONTROVERSIAL, SINCE NO ONE IS PROPOSING THAT THERE BE A LAPSE BETWEEN IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PHASE WITHDRAWALS AND BEGINNING OF THE SECOND PHASE NEGOTIATIONS. SIMILARLY THE SECOND US CHANGE, I.E. THAT FIRST PHASE WITHDRAWALS SHOULD NOT TAKE LONGER THAN 18 MONTHS SHOULD NOT OFFER THE ALLIED SIDE ANY DIFFICULTIES.

3. BELGIUM ALSO OPPOSED THE US PROPOSED CHANGE ON THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT. BELGIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES STILL BELIEVE THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWO TO THREE YEARS. US REP POINTED OUT THAT IF THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT COULD NOT EXPIRE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE REVIEW PROCEDURE, I.E. BEFORE FIVE YEARS, THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT AS AN INDUCEMENT TO THE OTHER SIDE TO ACCEPT THE ALLIED APPROACH OF PHASING. US REP EMPHASIZED THE SAFEGUARDS TO THE ALLIED POSITION IN SUB-PARA III D IN C-M(74)30 (REVISED).

4. SPC WILL RETURN TO LINK BETWEEN PHASES ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.
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